



Fwd: Beachwood Drive Dangerous

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To: David Ryu <cc

Sun, Feb 7, 2016 at 12:46 PM

Sarah Dusseault
Chief of Staff
Councilmember David E. Ryu
213 473 7004
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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It is unfortunate for Beachwood and Hollywoodland that RYU is not delivering solutions as promised.

Classic insider city politics. As for Lake Hollywood Estates, we made closure and restoration service demands, and Ryu responded by asking us specifically to deliver consensus. We did so with over 75% of our residents and the LHHA board asking him for the Vista to be restored and fenced to the curb to assure public safety for residents, hikers and the general public here.

Aside from increased enforcement on holidays, which fails every time, we have heard NOTHING from C4 as lawlessness and danger escalates. Yes, politics at its worst.

Other communities will see in time, when they ask for more serious solutions then street light repair that RYU will not make good on his word and promises. In fact, he will likely do to them what he is doing to all of us, GO dead quiet and do NOTHING. At that time more Voters can speak with potential recall.

Spring break is not that far away and traffic to the illegally developed tourist destination and trailhead will escalate further. Last year we at least had RAP's Mount Hollywood pilot and some closures to non residential traffic. This year it appears that we will have nothing as tourism is still C4's priority over public safety (another election and post election promise broken). The stale rationalization of not wanting to push problems from one location to another is not a solution when life and death are at stake.

It will be a shame when someone dies here, or if properties BURN, but it then will bring solutions. In my opinion one thing is perfectly clear, any deaths and loss of property from fire will be the responsibility of David E Ryu. LA city will then pay maximum liability compensation with our tax money, hopefully misconduct charges will accompany the compensation.

Keep focused on C4 as former CM LaBonge's alleged mis handling of documents is now coming into play with litigation against the city. All eyes need to remain focused on this district because some of Ryu's policy and spin appears to be consistent with LaBonge's regarding tourism's priority over public safety. The discussion of death and fire are unavoidable, and potential maximum liability for the city are in play from this districts incompetence. This very visible district requires the attention.

Thank you.
Tony

On Feb 6, 2016, at 8:15 PM, Heather <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I actually hope that someone does get run over. A human sacrifice may be what is necessary to save our neighborhood. Imagine if it is a child! Oh boy, the press will have a field day.

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Sent: Saturday, February 6, 2016 6:06 PM

Subject: Re: Beachwood Drive Dangerous

Dear Councilman Ryu,

Here is another weekly report from Beachwood Drive.

Today I was awakened at 8 am with someone knocking at my door. It was a stranger asking to use my bathroom. Of course this is not the first time, but it was the first time I was awakened. All of you City officials, isn't that how you all live—all of you with strangers asking to use your bathroom? That's "normal" for this street under the conditions that some of you have created and others are allowing to continue.

Then later I took my dog, Teddy, for a **20 MINUTE WALK**. I counted **95 PEOPLE IN THE STREET!!!!**

You do the math how many it is an hour, per day, up and down the street. This is insane. All of these people, dozens, hundreds, thousands, daily literally IN THE STREET. How many is too many? Does the City have a magic number when it is too much? I would love to know. Because there's another magic number that I keep hearing about from increasing numbers of people. That number is ONE. The number it will take of someone dying up here to shut this all down. Also I saw lots of new cigarette butts right in front of my house.

Later I had difficulty even backing out of my driveway because of the continuous stream of people in the street.

And again as you look out side, so many people just beginning to walk up while dozens of others are coming down in the dark.

I assume the view site and other neighborhood magnets were also a zoo today.

One thing is certain—the numbers are increasing. It is only getting worse. And you are sadly misguided if you think opening up some areas away from us for viewing the Sign will make things better up here. You are wrong. No one will pay to be further away when they can come closer for free which is here. In fact all of the advertising and promotion of your new plan will only increase the numbers that will come here. It will only work if you shut all of this down.

This was not a holiday weekend. Spring break is around the corner. Are you going to save that ONE?

Sarajane

Homeowners on Beachwood Drive United

—Original Message—

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Sent: Sun, Jan 24, 2016 6:19 pm

Subject: Re: Beachwood Drive Dangerous

Sunday:

Please look outside when you get this email so you can see how dark it is!

I could not do a count today, but even with street closures in Hollywood, and important football games on tv, there was still a continuous stream of people going up and down Beachwood Drive. It was anything but a slow day. You can not underestimate the free attraction at the end of the street.

I just returned from a quick drive down to the market and back . There were dozens of people in the street in the dark. I quickly counted at least a half a dozen families. One was dealing with an infant while two young children or toddlers were running down the street several car lengths ahead of the parent—all in the dark!!! There was also a skate boarder coming down the middle of the street. I was trying to film it, and it was so dark out he stopped to ask me if I was able to film him in the dark, because he would like a copy!

Many of the people I speak with up here—myself included—have had at least one near miss almost hitting a pedestrian—usually a child. When someone is hit it's not just a tragedy for the person and the family of the person who is hit, it changes the life of the driver forever. Since we are the ones that most frequent the streets, chances are it will be a resident who will end up hitting someone up here. Please, please I implore you to spare us that tragedy. You the City should have more sense than the families that let their little kids run ahead in the street. On the other hand, you are the ones promoting all this so they must think it's magically safe. Why would the City purposely send people, families, little kids to where it is dangerous?

Please use common sense. Please put safety first. Shut this down now!!!!

Sarajane

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 Sent: Sun, Jan 24, 2016 5:12 pm
 Subject: Re: Beachwood Drive Dangerous

Councilman Ryu

There is an appropriate place for everything. You don't pee in the sink even though it has a drain because it's not appropriate... You pee in the bathroom toilet. Channeling tourists through a residential neighborhood when there are appropriate entrances in the park is like peeing in the sink. Use your common sense and close down the community to this outrageous and overwhelming amount of tourists and put all your department heads together to come up with a better way for the public to view or hike to the sign.

Until you do help us gate these communities. Both Hollywoodland and Lake Hollywood estates were developed to be gated communities but both developers ran out of money in the final stages and gates were never put up. The streets, lighting and other infrastructure were built by these developers so the City didn't pay a dime to construct them and certainly hasn't spent a dime to maintain them since their inception either.

It's time to get these communities gated as nothing else will stem the escalating flow of tourists filling our streets.

For all the homeowners who think they are not affected by this.... Take down the sawhorse barricades on your streets and you will realize how bad the traffic is when it starts arriving on your street.

Rose Ware
 Hollywoodland resident since 1994

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 24, 2016, at 4:15 PM, Heather <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Mr Ryu also said he is not opposed to closing dirt Mulholland, but we have yet to hear what steps have been taken since he claims he does not have the "power" to do so.

Mike Feuer has never responded to a single one of our emails!

This is one of the BIGGEST tourist attractions in LA and it is TOTALLY UNMANAGED!

We cannot even show our house on weekends! This continues to be just flat out WRONG!

Tony

On Jan 23, 2016, at 5:01 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Councilman Ryu,

I thought I would continue with my counts for Beachwood.

Today was a cloudy day that looked like rain and certainly not a holiday weekend.

I walked my dog for less than a half an hour around noon.

I counted 119 people!!!

You do the math with doubling for the hour-- then times all day long and double it for the trips up and back down.

This is the new "normal", and the new "normal" is insane and unsafe and is only getting worse.

As I just got back home, and as we drove up the street with some cars having their lights on we saw DOZENS of people in the street JUST BEGINNING THEIR HIKES.

This included a number of families with infant carriers and kids.

They will all be coming down in the dark.

Why are you perpetuating this dangerous magnet?

When a car has no breaks you immediately pull over and stop driving.

You don't keep going while you figure out what garage to go to.

SHUT THE ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS ENTRANCE TO THE PARK AT THE END OF BEACHWOOD NOW!!!

And there is a place to go where it's safe, legal and NO ONE WILL BE IN THE STREET--Canyon Drive.

Sarajane Schwartz

—Original Message—

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Sent: Mon, Jan 18, 2016 5:51 pm
Subject: Beachwood Drive Dangerous

Dear Councilman Ryu,

With all due respect, you have a problem. It is no longer Councilman Labonges' problem. It is now yours.

On Beachwood Drive on Saturday when I was out for LESS than a half hour I counted almost 70 people past my house, on Sunday it was 98, and today it was 138!!!! You can do the math. Double that number for how many per hour. Then you can multiply it by how many hours the gate is open—I believe that's 13 hours, but we can be conservative—multiply it by 10 or even 8. And then finally double that number because each visitor here makes 2 trips—one up the street and then back down. Do you think any neighborhood would put up with all of these people in the street? Even I was shocked today by the number of occasions of what appeared to be unaccompanied or unsupervised children in the street—at times in the middle of the street. Needless to say few of these people were walking single file as REQUIRED BY STATE LAW for streets with no sidewalks. There was even a large group singing along to amplified music.

I do not know what the rest of the neighborhood was like. I can only imagine.

I also spoke with another resident on our street who'll be taking the extreme action of putting his house on the market because he cannot continue to live under these conditions. When people chose to leave a neighborhood, it is devastating, it is like a death. One would think the destruction of a unique, historic area would be a black mark on your watch. We are your constituents—advocate for us—protect us.

Our street is not part of the park. Hollywoodland is not an amusement park—if it were it would be immediately shut down for unsafe conditions. The City has created and then is promoting this now unsafe neighborhood. That is quite a responsibility.

We demand that you immediately close the illegal and unsafe access into Griffith park at the end of our street. Save us, the taxpayers lots of real money and huge potential liability and just turn the key. Lock the gate. That costs nothing. Save a life.

Sarajane
Homeowners on Beachwood Drive United

David Ryu <[REDACTED]>
To: Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Sun, Feb 7, 2016 at 1:37 PM

I think I need to respond to this one- what do you think.

But I need to calm down on this first before we act

Thank You,

David E. Ryu
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Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>
To: David Ryu <[REDACTED]>

Sun, Feb 7, 2016 at 1:46 PM

I don't know. I think not since they are begging for a child to die.

You might send it to Jim or Cindy and ask for advice first.

Sarah Dusseault
Chief of Staff
Councilmember David E. Ryu

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Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>
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Sun, Feb 7, 2016 at 5:55 PM

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Before you read this, I'm, taking full advantage of free speech rights. Don't read it if don't want to hear an honest, albeit robust opinion.

I have to agree with Rose. Since no one from the city reads these or responds to you guys, I might as well say what the majority on this chain — even certain city employees listed — have told me that they think:

The only two balls that dangle in front of Ryu are named Sarah and Dusseault. Whenever Ryu has agreed with us in meetings, he's been verbally castrated by the Chief with, "Now that is NOT what David really means. THIS is what he really means..." Then more excuses and reasons for delay fly out. Never solutions. They don't have any – even after over a year and a half of knowing the biggest threat to public safety in our neighborhoods. Unbelievably, I credit the bombastic, self-promotional buffoon that preceded them with the where-with-all to shut down residential areas on weekends, especially holidays, due to the traffic and fire danger involved.

Ryu says his #1 goal is public safety, while his office sends out back-patting e-propaganda on all accomplishments EXCEPT public safety. Trust me, I dig to find one word about it. *[redacted]*

Worst yet, they don't even have the basics in place, like a digital marketing management plan. Especially knowing geo-targeting, bloggers and websites are righteously growing crowds here by leaps and bounds. They predicate their posts based on the errant signage Ryu (Sarah) refuse to take down. It's no different than saying hey, "This way to FREE parking at Disneyland." And the city receives no revenue. Brilliant.

You'll hear, "We'll provide more enforcement." But that has been a disaster. It's about never being able to put enough bandages on a bleeding wound. Just hang out up on Dirt Mulholland or the Vista for awhile. It was so nuts, Ryu had to be police-escorted out of there on a holiday. Wish I could have the privilege of a police-escort. Others can pipe up for their areas.

Ryu and Barbie, er ah, the Chief, need to get with the program before, as Heather states, someone dies. I'm not sure if that will even matter. Our former unconscionable C4 leader while smiling placatingly told TJ Escott, "TJ, people die all the time."

Like most things, someone has got to die first before a stop sign at a dangerous intersection goes up. We've had three fires since the illegal non-CEQA-reviewed balding of the Vista — it's only matter of time before our homes go up in flames.

Hey media people what are you waiting for? Someone to die before this insanity is exposed??

On Feb 7, 2016, at 1:23 PM, Rose Ware [REDACTED] wrote:

Ryu is a wimp. He's in over his head. We need a real councilman like Marvin Braude who thinks for his constituents like when he worked to close off Rockingham drive to through traffic when it became so congested from tourists seeking to view the home of O.J Simpson in 1994. Read the Times article

http://articles.latimes.com/1994-09-01/news/we-33559_1_simpson-case

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Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 9:33 PM

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Good luck Kcaj, several people in multiple HOA's and a coalition of LHE residents have attempted the same. We even delivered a petition with signatures showing Ryu what he asked for, residential consensus with specific service requests. You will likely get an early warm reception, a nice meeting and initial interaction with broad verbal positive spin, but when you ask for specifics and push for dates to implement any discussed solutions you will get dropped like a bad habit.

After you put a few months of your thoughtful into this, please let us know how it feels to you.

Once this C4 insider game is uncovered in several parts of the district we will be able to join forces and get something done, possibly via recall.

Its appears that aside from the same old increase in enforcement for Easter (which does not work), we will get nothing.

Good hunting.

Cheers
Tony

On Feb 8, 2016, at 5:16 PM, Kcaj <_____
 wrote:

Thanks Rose and Heather and all who have contributed to this link. I'm going to get a 'safety committee' together with hopefully members from all the affected areas...but in the meantime this is a lot of good information.

I'm jumping the gun, but if I am the safety chair I'll get a meeting with Ryu and see what the plan is to help our neighborhood out immediately with Spring Break coming up.

Thanks again, jc

PS won't know about the safety chair thing until tomorrow night, but I really want to push getting some relief for our neighborhood in any event.

On Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 2:22 PM, Linda [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you Rose for your research work.

The city workers non compliance of laws is both criminal and shocking.

These servants are paid by us yet I've never seen a tax levied for lying, deceit, and abandonment.

Perhaps that's yet another free concession our City is giving us!

On Feb 8, 2016 2:07 PM, "Rose [REDACTED]" wrote:

After reading the laws on the City books regarding public safety at special events and at public venues which would apply to the Hollywood sign as it constitutes a daily popular public venue. It appears that the city is not adhering to the very same policing policies of "traffic control services, traffic management plan and enforcement, traffic diversion and control, direction maintenance of vehicles and pedestrians" among other requirements they demand of other venues or special events.

Read public welfare statute 41.20 D 5 in the website public.resource.org.inc Chapter IV Public Welfare

<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/city/ca/LosAngeles/Municipal/chapter04.pdf>

Read also the public welfare statutes 41.20.1 A 9&10 c

"Including, but not limited to the Staples Center, Dodger Stadium, the Coliseum, Sports Arena, Hollywood Bowl, Kodak Theatre and Greek Theatre, You can add Hollywood Sign to the included but not limited to

So many laws being broken.

Read 41.18. regarding sidewalk loitering and pedestrians blocking traffic in the middle of the street or right of passage on sidewalks and streets

Stopping in a red zone, smoking in a fire hazard area, trespassing on private and public property, trespassing in restricted park areas the list is long

The City needs to take accountability for our traffic problem here due to the sign and provide a traffic management plan for the areas of Beachwood and Lake Hollywood If they are short on revenue maybe some help should come from the Chamber of Commerce who promotes the sign at every opportunity and the Hollywood Sign Trust who is the only entity who really profits from its commercial use and was initially formed to help offset the impact to surrounding neighborhoods with revenue from its licensing proceeds

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On Feb 8, 2016, at 1:53 PM, Tony [REDACTED] wrote:

Send them to Ryu's house out of the district.

Thank you.

Tony

On Feb 8, 2016, at 12:28 PM, Nancy Girten wrote:

Yesterday someone asked if they could use my wife to call Uber because they were lost and their phone was running out of battery life. This was followed by a man asking if I had a visitor parking pass he could use.

Nancy

Sent from my iPhone

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Jack Conrad